

# Safety First!

- Talk to children about not responding to offensive or dangerous e-mail, chat, or other communications. Report any such communications to local law enforcement. Do not delete the offensive or dangerous e-mail; turn off the monitor, and contact local law enforcement.
- Keep the computer in the family room or another open area of your home and be aware of other computers your child may be using.
- Get informed about computers and the Internet.
- Have children show you what they can do online and visit their favorite sites.



**Who are you letting in your life when you chat online?**

- Know who your children are exchanging e-mail with, and only let them use chat areas where you can supervise. NetSmartz recommends limiting chatroom access to child-friendly chat sites.

- Limit the use of blogs and web pages.
- Internet accounts should be in the parent's name with parents having the primary screen name, controlling passwords, and using blocking and/or filtering devices.
- Children should not complete a profile for a service provider and children's screen names should be nondescript so as not to identify that the user is a child.

For More Safety Tips Go To:

[www.netsmartz.org](http://www.netsmartz.org)    [www.missingkids.com](http://www.missingkids.com)  
[www.isafe.org](http://www.isafe.org)        [www.ikeepsafe.org](http://www.ikeepsafe.org)

## Federal Partners:

United States Attorney's Office  
Criminal Division's Child Exploitation & Obscenity Section  
Office of Justice Programs  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement  
U.S. Postal Inspection Service  
U.S. Secret Service  
National Center for Missing and Exploited Children

## State and Local Partners:

Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force,  
Kentucky State Police  
Boone County Sheriff's Office  
Bowling Green Police Department  
Franklin Police Department  
Lexington Metro Police Department  
Louisville Metro Police Department  
Morehead Police Department  
Oldham County Police Department  
Owensboro Police Department  
Winchester Police Department

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[www.kentuckystatepolice.org/kicactf/icactf\\_index.htm](http://www.kentuckystatepolice.org/kicactf/icactf_index.htm)

# PROJECT SAFE CHILDHOOD

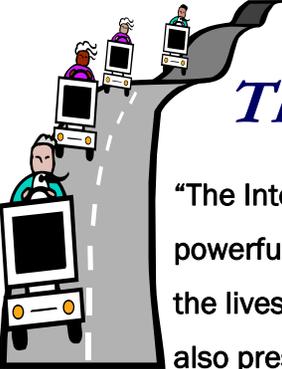
Protecting Children from Online  
Exploitation and Abuse



*"Our Nation's children are a precious gift and a source of great hope for our future, and we have a responsibility to help them realize their full potential."*

President George W. Bush  
May 2, 2006

**Department of Justice**



## The Internet

“The Internet is an important and powerful resource that can enrich the lives of all Americans. But it also presents new and evolving

dangers to our children, who are increasingly targeted online by sexual predators, or are sexually abused by those producing pornographic images to share widely through the Internet or other communications technology.”

Attorney General Alberto R. Gonzales

May, 17, 2006

**Project Safe Childhood is an initiative aimed at preventing the abuse and exploitation of children through the Internet.**

### Why should we be alarmed?

As pedophiles become desensitized to the horrors contained in the images, the images are increasingly becoming more violent and graphic and often with extremely young children. The internet has provided a source of validation and encouragement for collectors of child pornography. This trend is also increasing an offender's interest into the production of child pornography and child molestation. With digital cameras, computers and the internet, this has become an easy industry in which to participate. The measures taken to this point have not done enough to lessen this form of child molestation. It is now nothing short of an epidemic.

### Components of Project Safe Childhood

- INTEGRATED PARTNERSHIPS OF FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT INVESTIGATING AND PROSECUTING OFFENDERS AND IDENTIFYING , REDUCING AND ASSISTING VICTIMS
- PARTICIPATION IN COORDINATED NATIONAL INITIATIVES
- INCREASED FEDERAL INVOLVEMENT IN CHILD EXPLOITATION CASES
- TRAINING OF FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT
- INCREASED EFFORTS TO RAISE COMMUNITY AWARENESS AND EDUCATE THE PUBLIC

### A COMMUNITY RESPONSE

The United States Attorneys' offices are partners with state, local and Federal law enforcement in order to

vigorously investigate and prosecute online

exploitation of children. Child advocacy centers, social service providers

and other public servants are also important

partners, especially in provid-

ing necessary services to these very vulnerable victims. Also key to this partnership is the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. They provide services and information to law enforcement, victims and the public. The final partner is our own community which includes a variety of groups, parents and concerned citizens dedicated to community prevention and education programs.

#### Did you know?

**According to a study done at Butner Federal Correction Complex, 79.6% of 54 offenders convicted of child pornography offenses admitted that they had molested significant numbers of children without detection. On average, the offenders had 26.37 child victims and offenders admitted to over 1,424+**

**sexual crimes. Only 53 crimes were detected or known at sentencing.\***



\*Andres E. Hernandez, Psy.D., Self-Reported Contact Sexual Crimes of Federal Inmates Convicted of Child Pornography Offenses in 2000.